The papers of UAW Local #5 were deposited with the Labor History Archives in Feb. 1968 by Local #5.

The local union of Studebaker Corporation, South Bend, Indiana was established in 1933 as Local #18310 of the AFL. It was established in opposition to depression conditions. In 1935 at the first convention of the National Council of Auto Delegates, the AFL gave permission for the auto locals to organized an International within the AFL. The auto locals were then remembered, and Local #18310 of the AFL became Local #5 of the United Auto Workers.

Local #5 was the largest auto local in the early struggle to establish auto unions, and one of the earliest to organize. In 1937, Local #5 became the first auto local to obtain a union negotiated wage structure and a 100% membership all in the same year. When the AFL dismissed industrial unions from its membership in 1937, Local #5 joined with other industrial unions to form the Congress of Industrial Organizations. Local #5 remained one of the leading locals in UAW history down through the 1950's, often being the first to establish new programs for the benefit of their members. These programs included educational programs, insurance and pension plans. Relations with Studebaker remained extremely good until the latter 1950's. Until that time Local #5 had never struck the corporation and Studebaker paid wages above those paid to Detroit locals.


The UAW Local #5 Collection covers the period from 1937 to 1965.

Important subjects are:

Seniority and lay-off
Skilled Trades Apprenticeship
Grievances
Health and Unemployment programs
Pension program

Among the important correspondents of Local #5 are:

Neil Moorlag
Lester J. Fox
William Ogden
Edward Wrobel
Louis Horvath
T. Forrest Hanna
Woodrow Frick
Louis G. Nagy
James D. Hill
Cleo Campbell
Arnold A. Much

Among the important correspondents of Studebaker-Packard are:

H. D. Beutlich
W. C. Barry
C. M. MacMillan
G. T. Gallagher
Peter S. Barno
W. F. Wray
James Nance
Harold E. Churchill
Other correspondents are:

Paul Gervas   Walter Reuther
Raymond Berndt W. E. Soleberger
Stanley Ladd Lyndon W. McCray
Dallas Sells Neal W. Edwards
Robert G. Robotka Don Yeagley
Irving Bluestone George Colwell

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The largest section of records come from the financial secretary's office. These records as well as many of the rest were kept by Neil Moorlag. He was financial secretary from 1950 to June, 1961. Moorlag served in various other capacities such as recording secretary and member of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Many of the records are dated in his handwriting including those of the executive board.

Generally, however, the records are very incomplete. Except for a copy of the 1937 Working Agreement, there are no records until 1944. The records remain few until the early 1950's.

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